

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

LINDA A. HOLLAND,

**Plaintiff,**

**VS.**

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,

**Defendant.**

**Case No. 3:19-CV-01156-MAB**

## MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

**BEATTY, Magistrate Judge:**

This matter is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion to Award Attorney Fees and Costs (Doc. 25).

The parties agree that Plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees and expenses in the amount of \$5,750.00.

The Court finds that Plaintiff is the prevailing party and is entitled to an award of attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(B). The Court further finds that the agreed upon amount is reasonable and appropriate. This award shall fully and completely satisfy any and all claims for fees and expenses that may have been payable to Plaintiff in this matter pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412. Per the parties' agreement, this motion does not include Plaintiff's costs and Plaintiff may file a separate bill of costs.

The parties' Joint Motion (Doc. 25) is **GRANTED**. The Court awards Plaintiff attorney's fees and expenses in the amount of \$5,750.00 (five thousand seven hundred

fifty dollars).

The amount awarded is payable to Plaintiff and is subject to set-off for any debt owed by Plaintiff to the United States, per *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). See also, *Harrington v. Berryhill*, 906 F.3d 561 (7th Cir. 2018). Plaintiff has not provided Defendant with a valid assignment of fees; therefore, payment will be made in Plaintiff's name only and not to her attorney pursuant to the Joint Motion (Doc. 25).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED: December 22, 2020**

**s/ Mark A. Beatty**  
**MARK A. BEATTY**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**